

From our Pastor. . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Several people have asked me to review the guidelines for fasting and abstinence. So here is our "policy," so to say:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash

Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed.

Abstinence is observed by everyone 14

years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the next three Sundays, we will be celebrating the "Scrutinies" with the members of our parish RCIA program who are preparing for baptism at Easter. Those seeking to enter the Catholic Church need the help of the larger parish community through prayer. The Scrutinies are prayers for freedom from evil and prayers asking for the grace to worthily walk the journey of discipleship. Please pray for the those asking for baptism and those how already baptized but are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

God Bless You All, Msgr. Paul Hudock

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS: The Sisters of Charity of Nazaereth—who did an appeal with our parish last summer— sent a "Thank You" for the generosity of all our parishioners. The appeal generated over \$5,000 from various parishes in our diocese. They will continue to pray for our parish community every day in thanksgiving for our generosity to their Mission.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE:

There will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage in Wheeling:

- **Wednesday, March 7**, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Fr. Justin Blanc, Homilist
Reconciliation at 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Liturgy at 7 pm.

For more information, contact the Office of Worship and Sacraments at 304-233-0880, x 289.



Please pray for our Elect who will Receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil:

*Chyanne Bennett Christopher LaFollett
Adam LaFollett*

Pray for our Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil:

Lindsey Contraguerro Ronald Ross

Pray for our Candidates for Confirmation who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil:

Jeremy Bennett and Mary Beth LaFollett



MEN'S RETREAT: The

Laymen's Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. William Matheny on Saturday, March 10, at Our Marist Centre—beginning at 8 am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30) and ending with Mass (around 5 pm). For more information, contact Don at 304-280-4626.



Upcoming Events for Lent

- **Stations of the Cross:** will be held each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 pm (with our SVS students) here at St. Vincent's Church.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors
- **Living Stations of the Cross:** Thursday, March 22, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm (at St. Vincent's)
- **Our Lady of Seven Dolors Fish Fry:** Each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday), from 11:00 am—5:00 pm (or until sold out).
- **Communal Penance Service** (in conjunction with St. Michael's) will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Sammi Eimer, Janet Ferrera, Fred Jaquay, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Steve McCollam, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Mike Perring, Shirley Seamon, Mark Slater, Barb Smith, Evelyn Tellitocci, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Jim Repep, Henry Schmitt, Nick Stephan, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Jamie Orth Taylor, Rick Terry, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M, Mitzi Wiczorkowski,



OLSD BUS TRIP: Our Lady of Seven Dolors Altar Society is planning a Bus Trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. James Church, in Charles Town, WV on May 15 and 16,

2018. We will be accompanied by Msgr. Paul Hudock as our Spiritual Director.

Cost is \$170 per person and includes dinner and breakfast, and one overnight at the Priestfield Pastoral Center.

Reservations must be made by March 15.

To reserve your spot, please call Vera Powell at 304-242-1134.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND: Global Catholic tours is sponsoring a trip of 9 days in the Holy Land from October 8—16, 2018. Cost is \$3,340 and includes 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Galilee, 3 nights in Jerusalem. Spiritual Director is Fr. Terry Crone from Newman, GA. For brochures or more information, contact John Tagnesi at 1-888-544-4461, of jag1964@verizon.net

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING: If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at 6:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding, and this event is sponsored by Mt. Calvary Cemetery. **Next gathering is March 26**



Parish Sacrificial Giving

February 25, 2018

Collection \$10,119
WeShare: \$ 1,101
Head Count: 583

Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday—March 4th

Lenten Experience 3:00 pm Youth Rm
No Holy Hour

Monday—March 5

Communal Penance Service 7 pm Corpus Christi

Tuesday—March 6

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library

Wednesday—March 7

Diocesan Pilgrimage 6:00 pm Cathedral

Thursday—March 8

Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm St. Vincent's
RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm
Pastoral Council 6:30 pm Youth Room

Friday—March 9

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Early Childhood Open House 11:00 am SVS
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

Saturday—March 10

Men's Retreat 8:00 am Main Hall
RCIA Retreat 8:30 am St. Alphonsus
1st Reconciliation 10:00 am St. Vincent's
Health and Wellness 10:00 am Petri Library

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday—March 11

Youth Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday—March 13

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library

Thursday—March 15

Stations of the Cross with SVS 2:00 pm St. Vincent's
RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Friday—March 16

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD



Marriage Preparation Workshops:

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring one day workshops for engaged couples preparing for marriage here in Wheeling at St. Michael Parish. Cost is \$40 per person. Next workshop is March 17, 2018. Register online at: wvmarriage.org/RegisterPFCM

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 1-800-352-6513. Report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 1-888-434-6237.

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

UPCOMING IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION DATES:

- **Saturday, March 10:** First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders in the Church—10 am
- **Saturday, March 31:** Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates during the Easter Vigil
- **Saturday, April 7:** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 5:00 pm
- **Saturday, May 5:** First Communion Retreat in the Marist Center Main Hall and practice in the Church

Parent Information Regarding Tuition Assistance: The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is

Applying for FACTS is easy and affordable. Applications are made online. Go to www.factsmgt.com. Click on "Grant and Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have access to internet, contact your school office.



We have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 9:00 Mass

- Next gathering will be March 11.



Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important CCHS Dates:

- **Tuesday, March 6** is Freshman Registration Knight. 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Great Hall. Secure your spot in the class of 2022!
- **Thursday, March 22** is the CCHS Reverse Raffle, sponsored by the Boosters! Call the school or any booster for tickets
- **Join us for the CCHS Queen of Queens Competition** on Sunday, March 4, beginning at 7 pm in the Great Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR): Upcoming Schedule:

March 4	Class
March 11	Class



GREENBACK SWEEPSTAKES AND DINNER — Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at GREENBACKS!

The countdown is on! If you have not purchased your tickets for our Greenbacks Gala - you don't have much time!! Join your SVS family for a night of dancing, dinner, dessert and the BIGGEST and BEST Auction in Wheeling.

Doors open at 6:00

Honoree: Father James LaCrosse, S.M.
Appetizers, Dinner, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and a Decadent Dessert Bar included

Specialty Drink: The Fuzzy Leprechaun (\$3...unlimited refills)

Cash Bar

Music to Dance the Night Away - DJYelenix

Bid on Fabulous Baskets created by Jen Kinkade and her awesome crew!

Hang out with friends and share in the Luck of the Irish!

Raffle Winners Announced - win your share of \$20,000

BABYSITTING/CHILDSITTING AVAILABLE

Enjoy the annual Greenbacks Gala with no worries about your Children! SVS will offer a **KIDS NIGHT OUT** from 6:00-10:00 at the White Palace!

- **Children - age 2 through 8th grade** — will enjoy the spacious Youth Center and Arcade at the White Palace. Our adult and student leaders will be "Safe Environment" certified and equipped to create a fun night for our children.
- **The \$8 cost per child includes.....** Pizza, drinks, dessert and snacks throughout the night. Also, each child will receive a bag of quarters to be used in the arcade. Special activities include SVS Got Talent, a coloring contest and Olympic Events - with prizes! Reservations are required! Please email John Yelenic at: jyelenic@stvincentschool.org by **March 10th**. Student fee can be paid on the night of the event!

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (March 11, 2018)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday **March 3 (3rd Sunday of Lent)**
5:00 pm Felicia Montagnor
Larry DeGasperis (Anniv)
Sunday **March 4 (3rd Sunday of Lent)**
9:00 am Mary Kuntz and John Fitzpatrick
(Anniv)
11:30 am (OLSD) Dianne and Andy Wensel

Masses This Week

Monday **March 5**
7:50 am Roland McDougall
Tuesday **March 6**
7:50 am No Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass
5:30 pm Dr. Robert Bianco
Wednesday **March 7**
7:50 am Robert Wagenhoffer
Thursday **March 8**
7:50 am Albert Kreitzer, Sr.
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday **March 9**
9:00 am Joyce Panico
6:00 pm (OLSD) Stations of the Cross

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday **March 10 (4th Sunday of Lent)**
5:00 pm Michael Witsberger
Sunday **March 11 (4th Sunday of Lent)**
9:00 am Grace Neidert,
Alphonse Brak and Leonard Subasic
11:30 am (OLSD) Dr. Charles Porter
For all the People of our Parish

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Hunter Kerr and Angelina Robrecht
Greeters: Rose Loborec and Betsy Martin
Lector/Announcer: Kathy Wagner
Eucharistic Ministers: Geralyn Hemmann,
Patti Snyder, Nancy LaBrosse, Rita Gallo

Sunday - 9:00 am (Youth Mass)

Servers: Austin Nestor, Alden and Morgan
Stauver
Greeters: Youth
Lector/Announcer: Griffin Stenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Olivia Carpenter,
Rachel Drnach, Nick and Christian Nestor,
(Other 3 to be announced)

Sunday - 11:30 Mass (OLSD)

Servers: Need Someone
Greeters: Jim Sengewalt, Judy Goudy
Lector/Announcer: Need Someone
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Rose, Jan
Nixon, Dave Taylor, Need Someone

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend—March 3-4, 2018, the annual collection will be taken for the Priests Health and Retirement Association (PHRA). Your contribution to this collection will fund the medical benefits of active priest and the retirement benefits of retired priests in the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Our New Monthly WELLNESS SERIES continues the **second Saturday of each month** from 10:00-12:00. Next meeting is April 7.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

We are now in the process of working with a person who has no furniture or small appliances. He is sleeping on the floor. Some basic needs are: Bed and bedding (either twin or full); living room furniture, dining room table and chairs, microwave, coffee pot, or toaster. If you are able to help with any of the above items, please contact Bill Gibson at 304-242-4570. Thank you!



Lenten Vespers: The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, will hold Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) each Sunday during Lent (including Palm Sunday) at 6p.m. In addition to the prayers and music, there will be a guest priest each week who will offer a Lenten Reflection.



YOUTH MASS: The Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, March 11th at 9:00. The Praise Band will return to accompany the liturgy. The praise band musicians are Ezra Hamilton (guitar), David Tangamo (bass), and Jason Birch (drums).